

2874

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service with sufficient postage as First Class Mail, in an envelope addressed to: Box Non-Fee Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231, on the date shown below.

Dated: March 29, 2002

Signature: *Paul B. Stephens*  
(Paul B. Stephens)

Docket No.: 30256/37516/US  
(PATENT)



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Patent Application of:  
Mark A. Dugan, et al.

Application No.: 09/930929 ✓

Filed: August 16, 2001

For: METHOD OF INDEX TRIMMING A  
WAVEGUIDE AND APPARATUS FORMED  
OF THE SAME

Group Art Unit: N/A

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

#6/Pre.  
a  
RECEIVED  
MAR 29 2002  
TECHNOLOGY CENTER 2800  
4/24/02

**FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

**Box Non-Fee Amendment**  
Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**In the Specification**

At page 1, line 3 below the title, please insert the following paragraphs:

**--Cross-Reference to Related Application**

This application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application No. 09/753,102, filed January 2, 2001. --

A